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Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" May I know, with reference to the answer to clause (*c*), whether the order passed by the Government refers to all the points raised in the answer to clause (*b*) or only to the first one."

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Yes, all the points are included, Sir."

Village Establishments

Number of suspended village monigars in Polur taluk.

* 230 *Q.*—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased—

(i) to lay on the table a statement showing the number of village monigars in Polur taluk, North Arcot district, who were suspended for slackness in collection work during the last kist season ; and

(ii) to state—

(*a*) in how many cases appeals were preferred to the Collector and how many of them were allowed ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that when appeals were allowed, the Collector of North Arcot declined to grant the monigar appellants the salaries due to them for the period of suspension although he found the orders of suspension unjust and untenable ; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the monigars of Edapparai, Mambut, Modaiyur and Tirusur, who had shown nil balances by the first week of May, were kept under suspension in the month of July after the fasli year was over for alleged slackness in collection work ?

A.—(i) & (ii) (*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information on the subject of these questions and no representation has reached them on the subject. As it is open to any village officer who considers himself unjustly treated to make representations to higher authority, the Government do not propose to call for a report in the matter.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Are the Government aware that several village officers had to borrow heavily from professional money-lenders to find the money for kist, owing to the unsympathetic attitude of the Collector towards the village officers and their fear of dismissal ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" No, Sir."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Will the Government be pleased to call for the information ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" No, Sir."

Grant of allowance to karnams attending taluk offices.

* 231 *Q.*—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the question of the grant of allowances to karnams attending taluk offices has been finally settled ; and

(*b*) if it has been settled, from what date and at what rates the Government propose to pay such allowances ?

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A.—(a) & (b) The question has not yet been finally settled as the financial results of the recent restoration of village officers have not yet been finally worked out.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know, in view of the fact that this question has been hanging fire for a number of years, whether the Government will expedite the matter in such a manner as to make it possible for a provision being made in the next budget for these allowances ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" Every possible step is being taken to expedite the matter ; but as far as we have got figures—the figures are not final but are only provisional—they show that an excess of one lakh has been incurred instead of a saving, so that the prospects of finding any savings for this purpose are very remote."

Alleged hardships of the karnams in shrotriyam villages.

*232 Q.—Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether complaints have been received by Government that as in shrotriyam villages only one menial is allowed to serve under the karnam direct, the karnam's work is felt heavy and difficult ; and

(b) whether the Government have considered the necessity of giving one more vetti to the karnam at least in villages where there is tirvaijasti and faslijasti cultivation ?

A.—(a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) Such cases are governed by the rules framed under section 32 of the Proprietary Estates Village Service Act.

Arms and Explosives

Issue of licences to village magistrates in Cuddapah district.

*233 Q.—Mr. A. Parasurama Rao : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether any village magistrates in Cuddapah district have been refused licences under the Arms Act on the basis of the recommendations of the Police, and if so, how many ; and

(b) whether the Government will consider the desirability of granting licences free of charge to village magistrates who have to pass through jungles for remitting collections to the sub-treasury ?

A.—(a) The Government have no information.

(b) So far as the Government are aware village magistrates do not usually escort in person remittances made under their orders. The Government do not think any such grant of free licences is called for.

Mr. A. Parasurama Rao :—" In answer to clause (b), it is stated that 'village magistrates do not usually escort in person remittances.' I want to know whether the responsibility for the safety of the remittances rests with them."

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" Yes, Sir."